

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 131

By Ford

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Dr. Sean Bryant Kaminsky.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to recognize those esteemed citizens of Tennessee who have worked assiduously to improve the lives of their fellow human beings by advancing the field of medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sean Bryant Kaminsky is most assuredly one such Tennessean; as a practicing orthopedic surgeon, an instructor to other physicians, an inventor of surgical devices, and a consultant to the designers and manufacturers of surgical equipment, Dr. Kaminsky has helped countless patients manage the pain and debilitation of injury and disease; and

WHEREAS, born in Lexington, Kentucky, to parents Stuart and Linda, Sean Kaminsky spent most of his childhood in Tampa, Florida; younger sister Kara was born when he was about three years old; and

WHEREAS, he attended Emory University, where he double majored in economics and biology and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa; thanks to his excellent grades and an early acceptance program, he committed to medical school at Emory in his sophomore year of undergraduate study; and

WHEREAS, following medical school, Dr. Kaminsky was accepted to the University of Iowa's renowned orthopedic surgery residency program; *U.S. News and World Report* has consistently ranked the university hospital's orthopedic department among the best in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kaminsky took his formal training even further, moving to Columbus, Georgia, to complete a Shoulder and Sports Medicine Fellowship and earn a specialized degree

in shoulder surgery at the prestigious Hughston Clinic, one of the oldest sports medicine facilities in the world; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the Hughston Clinic in 2000, he moved to Nashville. Today, Dr. Kaminsky maintains an office in Hermitage, working with Premier Orthopedics to offer the very best in shoulder and sports medicine to his patients; and

WHEREAS, in addition to helping those who come directly to him for care, Dr. Sean Kaminsky also trains other surgeons in the latest techniques in surgical shoulder and knee reconstruction, thereby ensuring better outcomes for many patients he will never see in person; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kaminsky has also published a number of articles in peer-reviewed scholarly journals, and his research on shoulder surgery has been presented in a number of venues, including meetings of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and the American Shoulder and Elbow Society; and

WHEREAS, orthopedic surgeons require the very best tools in order to ply their trade, and Dr. Kaminsky has worked to ensure that his fellow physicians have those at their disposal. He has designed and created devices that have advanced the field of shoulder surgery, and he has consulted with surgical equipment companies to evaluate and improve their own products; and

WHEREAS, he is Board Certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgeons and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Dr. Kaminsky received the Joseph Whitehead Surgery Scholarship as a medical student at Emory, and he has been honored with the Certificate of Excellence in Shoulder Surgery from the Hughston Clinic and the Outstanding Research Award from The Hughston Sports Medicine Foundation; and

WHEREAS, had he not been so very interested in orthopedic medicine, he may have been a world-renowned economist instead; as an undergraduate, he was awarded the Tate Whitman Award in Economics; and

WHEREAS, the deep sense of professional satisfaction Dr. Kaminsky receives from helping so many patients is complemented by the love and companionship of his wife and two children; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kaminsky married his high school sweetheart Kristen in 1995, and their happy marriage has produced two sons, Harrison and Clark; and

WHEREAS, in his free time, Dr. Kaminsky enjoys regular exercise, rooting for Vanderbilt's football and basketball teams, playing sports with his sons in their yard, reading, and dining out with Kristen and their friends; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sean Kaminsky has given so much of himself to his fellow Tennesseans and advanced the field of orthopedic medicine considerably, helping patients in this State and around the world to heal; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kaminsky stands as an excellent example of the well-educated but deeply human professional dedicated to bettering the lives of his fellows; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize Dr. Sean Kaminsky for the work he has done to improve the state of orthopedic care, thank him for all the healing he has brought to suffering patients in this State and around the world, and wish him further success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.